

WATCH BALL JOHNSON

Base Ball Enthusiasts Interested in Philadelphia Meeting.

IMPORTANT NEWS EXPECTED

American League Will Announce Its List of Players.

RUMORS REGARDING THEM

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 19.—Matters are strangely quiet on the eve of such an important meeting as is expected when the American League magnates join in conference here tomorrow. The following of the national league have been kept on the edge of suspense ever since Ball Johnson and his cohorts launched the expansion boom into the camp of the all-powerful National League owners. Reports of various character, relative to the signing, blacklisting and jumping of players, have been rife, and as the situation now stands there is no telling just what to expect.

It is for this reason that so much importance is put upon the meeting tomorrow. President Johnson announced that he will make public the complete list of the players secured by the various clubs composing the American League, and, as he has promised many surprises to the public, the list is awaited with great interest.

Reports of prominent National League players having signed have been denied and until the official list is announced there is no reason to believe that the latest denial comes from Jimmy Slagle, who was said to have jumped his Philadelphia National League contract to cast his lot with Manager Jimmy Johnson of the Washington team. Slagle now comes out with a statement saying he has not jumped and has not yet decided where he will play. Slagle is said to be a feature of the team which would be a feature of Manning's team, while he could be spared by the Phillies, as Delahanty will likely take his old position in left field to make room for a new player to be signed, probably "Hughie" Jennings of last season's Brooklyn team.

Only Connie Mack Present.
Manager Connie Mack of Philadelphia was the only one to be found around the American League headquarters this morning, and he is busy perfecting arrangements for the opening of the meeting tomorrow. President Johnson, Vice President C. W. Somers and Manager Manning are expected in tonight, while the balance of the contingent will be on hand tomorrow. A very little time will be lost in getting down to work, and the matter of adopting a schedule will be first on the agenda. This will also be an important subject, as the matter of conflicting dates is to be considered. President Johnson seems willing to make concessions for the benefit of both teams, while he will not go out of his way to favor the National League, as he is to be considered. President Johnson seems willing to make concessions for the benefit of both teams, while he will not go out of his way to favor the National League, as he is to be considered.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Arrest of John R. Hazard in New York City.

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MARLBORO, Md., March 19.—Sheriff Edward Shea arrived here yesterday with John R. Hazard, a former resident of the county, and is holding him for a preliminary examination on a charge of being responsible for the death of William E. Howard, who was found dead on the road near Berwyn the morning of August 31 last. The prisoner will be taken to Hyattsville tomorrow, where he will be given a preliminary hearing.

Howard was found dead with a bullet hole in his right temple. There was a revolver near his head, and it was reported that he had committed suicide. The young man had lived in Alexandria, Va., and the cause of the tragedy was the recovery of his death by the daughter of a prominent family at Berwyn. He left the house Sunday night about 11 o'clock, and started toward the place where the tragedy occurred. Early Monday morning his body was found on the road.

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HAZARD AT MEDICAL SCHOOL.

Student at Milwaukee College Brutally Killed by Classmates.

MILWAUKEE, March 19.—W. W. Gillespie, a student at the Milwaukee Medical College, has his skull partly fractured, his nose broken and several gashes cut in his face as the result of a fight with a fellow student. He is under a doctor's care and will recover, but he will be disqualified. Gillespie is a school teacher with an excellent record, and is taking a medical course in addition to his school duties. He was too busy to join in the students' pranks and incurred the ill will of some of them. When a fight broke out, he was knocked down from behind and was knocked down. His face was battered. He thinks he knows his assailant and as soon as he recovers will take steps to have him punished.

NO CHANGE AT LINCOLN.

Legislators Overlook Prospect of an Extra Session.

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LINCOLN, Neb., March 19.—Today's joint ballot demonstrated only that the senatorial situation is unchanged from its status of the past two months. This is the last week during which the lawmakers will receive pay for their legislating, and no effort is being made to effect a solution of the deadlock, so that no special unremunerated session will be necessary.

It is now plain that nothing can be done until some of the present aspirants are eliminated or new material introduced. Last night's conference, from which so much was expected, resulted in nothing.

EFFECT OF BOXER TROUBLES

ENORMOUS LOSS CAUSED TO AMERICAN TRADE.

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The State Department has received from United States Consul Fowler at Chefoo and Ragdale at Tien Tsin interesting reports intended to show the effect of the Boxer troubles in North China upon United States trade, with particular regard to what Americans lost in America through the outbreak, rather than in China, the latter having been previously dealt with at some length.

A resume of the trade returns in North China entire, comparing the quarter ended June 30 last with that ended September 30, shows an almost complete annihilation of the American import trade, and, in Consul Fowler's language, "gives a good idea of what a mob in China can do in interfering with trade." The greatest loss was felt in cotton piece goods, and the cessation of this class of imports, says the consul, must have been most keenly felt in the southern states.

The Heaviest Sufferer.

Probably no country in the world, Consul Fowler states, suffered so much as did the United States, for the scene of strife covered practically the entire American field of trade. In compiling the statistics the amounts are indicated by "gallons," "pieces," or set out in Chinese money, so that the comparative tables indicating the greatest increase in our trade with China were known at the time of the outbreak, and the various American imports at Chefoo ceased, all commercial transactions being absolutely nil.

Loss of Lumbermen.

The effect of the Boxer movement is shown to have been felt much earlier and more seriously at Tien Tsin than at Chefoo. Ships loaded with Oregon lumber reached Taku and were unable to land their cargoes, thus entailing an enormous loss upon the American lumber trade, and one American firm paid over \$5,000 gold on the loss of the cargo. The loss of the cargo was the loss of the cargo.

Duties Collected Decrease.

The total collection of duties for all China during the quarter ended September 30 last showed a loss of 2,459,581 taels as compared with the same period of 1899. The figures submitted, Consul Fowler points out, are not a true picture of the situation, as there are immense quantities of merchandise which were held up in the various ports, and which must be worked off before August 1, 1901. The loss of the cargo was the loss of the cargo.

Export Trade Injured.

United States Consul Ragdale, stationed at Tien Tsin, submits statistics showing the consequences of the Boxer troubles as regards the export trade from that port. The country north of Tien Tsin, where the principal trade of the United States is, he says, is now overrun with ex-Boxers and ex-soldiers who have turned bandits, and it will be exceedingly difficult for merchants to get goods out of the interior or into it. The country north of Tien Tsin, where the principal trade of the United States is, he says, is now overrun with ex-Boxers and ex-soldiers who have turned bandits, and it will be exceedingly difficult for merchants to get goods out of the interior or into it.

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POLICE UNIFORMS

CONTRACT FOR COMING YEAR AWARDED TO BALTIMORE FIRM.

Local Bidder Claims That He Offered to Make the Clothes at a Lower Price.

The proposals for supplying the officers and men of the District police force during the coming year with uniforms were opened at police headquarters at noon last Friday, the 15th instant, and the Commissioners today approved the recommendation of the examining committee that the contract be awarded to an outside firm, said to be known as the New York Clothing House of Baltimore, Md. The examining committee, composed of Chief of Police Austin of the police force, Inspectors Pearson and Cross and all the lieutenants.

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THE POINTS AT ISSUE

Hearing was begun today in the Court of Appeals of the case of J. F. Manning & Co., appellants, against the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company—the local telephone company. It is expected that the arguments will be in progress for several days. Attorneys Arthur A. Birney, John J. Humphreys, H. F. Woodard and Arthur Peter appear for the appellants, the telephone company being represented by Attorneys J. M. Nelson, E. W. Van Dyke, Charles L. Bradley and A. S. Worthington. It will be recalled that the case is one of about ninety filed by different persons, each of which seeks to compel the telephone company to observe the act of Congress of June 30, 1885, fixing the rate to be thereafter charged for telephone service in the District of Columbia, the prayer of the bill being, in substance, that the defendant company be enjoined from removing the telephone equipment in the offices of the appellants and to cause the same to be furnished them at the rate fixed by the statute.

Provision of Law.

The provision of the law in question is that "from and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any person or any telephone company doing business in the District of Columbia to charge or receive more than \$50 per annum for the use of a telephone on a separate wire; \$40 for each telephone, there not being more than two on a wire, and for each telephone, there being not more than three on a wire, and \$25 for each telephone, there being four or more on the same wire."

List of Bidders.

It will be observed that no mention is made in the report of the examining committee of the bidder who offered to furnish the uniforms, nor does the report give the names of the bidders. Inquiry at police headquarters, however, developed the fact that proposals were received from the following: Chary-Moran Company, 811 Pennsylvania avenue; Henry S. Kaufman, 920 F street; the S. Barnhart Tailoring Company, 528 12th street; Oshma and August, 14th street; and the New York Clothing House of Baltimore, Md., composed, it is said, of Rosenfeld brothers and C. J. Heller.

The bid was requested by a reporter of The Star to give him a list of the prices named by the respective bidders, but he refused to make them public, on the ground that the bid was not to be made public. He was informed that it is the invariable rule at the District building to make public all bids immediately at the time of the opening of the bids. The bid was also told that while the figures named by the bidders would be interesting, the fact that the bid was not to be made public would be still more interesting. Subsequently it was announced that the bids would be made public, and the bid can be prepared, Major Sylvester, having so directed.

Claim of a Washington Firm.

It is claimed by at least one Washington firm, Chary-Moran Company, that its bid was lower than that of the Baltimore firm, which outside firm, by the way, has held the contract for several years, and that the bid was not to be made public. He was informed that it is the invariable rule at the District building to make public all bids immediately at the time of the opening of the bids.

Answers of Defendants.

The answers of the defendant in the several cases are substantially alike, the defenses set up being: That the statute, if valid, has no application to any individual desiring telephone service, but applies only to such service as is furnished by the public to the District of Columbia for the use of the police and other public purposes.

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